

HOUSE BILL 2691  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,  
Chapter 38, Part 1, relative to victim notification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 38, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following language as a new section:

**§ 40-38-118.**

(a) The department of correction shall establish and administer an automated  
victim notification system. Such automated victim notification system shall:

(1) Permit a crime victim to register or update the victim's registration for  
the automated victim notification system by using a toll free telephone number;

(2) Permit a registered crime victim to receive the most recent status  
report for an offender by calling the automated victim notification system by using  
a toll free telephone number; and

(3) Automatically notify a registered crime victim when a committed  
offender:

(A) Is transferred or assigned to another facility within the  
department;

(B) Is transferred to a facility not operated by the department;

(C) Is given a different security classification;

(D) Is released on temporary leave or otherwise;

(E) Is discharged; or

(6) Has escaped.

(b) The department shall update the offender information contained within the automated victim notification system frequently to ensure that each registered crime victim is timely notified that an offender has been released, has been discharged, or has escaped. However, the failure of the automated victim notification system to provide such notice to a registered crime victim does not establish a separate cause of action by the victim against the state or against the department.

(c) All law enforcement officers shall cooperate with the department in establishing and maintaining the automated victim notification system.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of establishing and administering the automated victim notification system, the Department of Correction shall use any appropriated federal funds or the General Assembly may appropriate such funds to the Department in its discretion.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.